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REPLY

In reply to the action mailed March 12, 2003, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 7 pages.

Enclosed is a \$1392 check for excess claim fees (\$282), the Petition for Extension of Time fee (\$930.00), and the Information Disclosure fee (\$180). Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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